

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-12 (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) A suction inlet unit comprising:  
a suction inlet main body having a bottom suction inlet,  
a front suction inlet formed continuously with said bottom  
suction inlet in ~~the~~ a front portion of said suction inlet main  
body, and

an adjusting mechanism for moving at least ~~one~~ a first part  
of a wall section forming said front suction inlet so as to  
change an opening area of said front suction inlet,

wherein ~~[[:]]~~ said adjusting mechanism ~~is configured to~~  
~~decrease~~ decreases the opening area of said front suction inlet  
when ~~it~~ the first part of the wall section is contacted with and  
pushed by ~~a wall or furniture~~ an obstruction; and

wherein the adjusting mechanism does not move at least a  
second part of the wall section, the second part comprising a  
non-rotatable front end surface of a bumper.

14. (Currently Amended) The suction inlet unit set forth in  
claim 13, wherein:

wherein the ~~at least one~~ first part of the wall section  
forming said front suction inlet includes a cover ~~disposed to~~  
~~cover one~~ which covers at least a part of the front suction inlet

~~an opening inlet formed in the front of said suction inlet main body, and~~

~~wherein~~ said adjusting mechanism ~~is configured to be capable of adjusting~~ adjusts the opening area of said front suction inlet by moving said cover to ~~any a position of~~ between a wide opening area position ~~or to any position of~~ and a narrow opening area position.

15. (Currently Amended) The suction inlet unit set forth in claim ~~13~~ 14, wherein ~~when~~ said cover having has an upper end portion attached to said suction inlet main body ~~with~~ and a lower end portion which is rotatable, and when said cover is contacted with and pushed by the ~~wall or furniture~~ obstruction, the lower end portion is rotated to narrow the opening area of said front suction inlet.

16. (Currently Amended) A suction inlet unit comprising:  
a suction inlet main body having a suction chamber with a bottom suction inlet,

a rotary cleaning body provided ~~rotating~~ rotatably in said suction chamber and having a cleaning member,

a front suction inlet formed continuously with said bottom suction inlet in ~~the~~ front of said suction inlet main body, and

an adjusting mechanism for adjusting at least ~~one~~ a first part of a wall section forming said front suction inlet so as to  
10 ~~make one~~ control a forward protrusion, through said front suction inlet, of at least a part of said rotary cleaning member ~~protrude forwards or not protrude forwards through said front suction inlet,~~

wherein ~~[[:]]~~ when said adjusting mechanism is contacted  
15 with and pushed by ~~a wall or furniture~~ an obstruction, one an opening area of the front suction inlet decreases and said part of said rotary cleaning member cleaning body protrudes ~~forwards forward~~ through said front suction inlet, and

wherein the adjusting mechanism does not adjust at least a second part of the wall section, the second part comprising a non-rotatable front end surface of a bumper.

17. (Currently Amended) The suction inlet unit set forth in claim 16, wherein the cleaning member of said rotary cleaning body ~~is configured to rotate~~ rotates from a front to a back position to clean a cleaning surface.

18. (Currently Amended) The suction inlet unit set forth in claim 16, wherein said rotary cleaning body includes a pivot section and a plurality of cleaning members with different

lengths are provided along a circular direction around the pivot  
5 section with spacing, and

wherein longer cleaning members are configured to be more  
flexible than shorter cleaning members.

19. (Currently Amended) The suction inlet unit set forth in  
claim 16, wherein [[:]] the ~~at least one first~~ part of the wall  
section forming said front suction inlet includes a cover  
~~disposed to cover one which covers at least a part of the front~~  
5 ~~suction inlet an opening inlet forming in the front of said~~  
~~suction inlet main body, and~~

wherein said adjusting mechanism ~~is configured to be capable~~  
~~of adjusting~~ adjusts the opening area of said front suction inlet  
by moving said cover to ~~any a position of between a wide opening~~  
10 ~~area position and a or to any position of narrow opening area~~  
position.

20. (Currently Amended) The suction inlet unit set forth in  
claim ~~17~~ 19, wherein ~~when~~ said cover ~~having~~ has an upper end  
portion attached to said suction inlet main body ~~with and~~ a lower  
end portion which is rotatable, and when said cover is contacted  
5 ~~with and pushed by the wall or furniture~~ obstruction, the lower  
end portion is rotated for protruding ~~at least one said~~ part of  
the said cleaning member ahead of said front suction inlet.

21. (Currently Amended) The suction inlet unit set forth in claim ~~17~~ 19, wherein said cover is made from soft resin materials.

22. (Currently Amended) The suction inlet unit set forth in claim ~~18~~ 20, wherein said cover is made from soft resin materials.

23. (Currently Amended) The suction inlet unit set forth in claim ~~17~~ 19, wherein convex and concave portions are disposed on a surface of said cover.

24. (Currently Amended) The suction inlet unit set forth in claim ~~18~~ 20, wherein convex and concave portions are disposed on a surface of said cover.

25. (Currently Amended) A suction inlet unit comprising:  
a suction inlet main body including a suction chamber having a bottom suction inlet and a front suction inlet formed continuously with said bottom suction inlet,

5 a rotary cleaning body provided ~~rotating~~ rotatably in said suction chamber and having a cleaning member, and

an adjusting mechanism for adjusting an opening area size of said front suction inlet,

wherein [[:]] said adjusting mechanism ~~is configured to~~  
10 ~~adjust~~ decreases the opening area of said front suction inlet so  
that at least ~~one~~ a part of the cleaning member of said rotary  
cleaning body ~~protrude~~ protrudes ahead of said suction inlet main  
body through said front suction inlet when a front portion of  
said suction inlet main body is contacted with and pushed by ~~a~~  
15 ~~wall or furniture~~ an obstruction; and

wherein, when adjusting the opening area, the adjusting  
mechanism does not adjust at least an end part of a wall section  
forming said front suction inlet, the end part being provided at  
the front portion of said suction inlet main body and comprising  
20 a non-rotatable front end surface of a bumper.

26. (Currently Amended) An electric vacuum cleaner [[:]]  
comprising:

a vacuum cleaner main body having a dust collecting chamber;  
a suction inlet unit; and  
5 a connector which detachably connects the vacuum cleaner  
main body to the suction inlet unit;

wherein the suction inlet unit ~~set forth in claim 13~~  
comprises:

10     a suction inlet main body having a bottom suction  
      inlet,  
      a front suction inlet formed continuously with said  
      bottom suction inlet in a front portion of said suction inlet  
      main body, and  
      an adjusting mechanism for moving at least a first part  
15     of a wall section forming said front suction inlet so as to  
      change an opening area of said front suction inlet,  
      wherein said adjusting mechanism decreases the opening  
      area of said front suction inlet when the first part of the wall  
      section is contacted with and pushed by an obstruction, and  
20     wherein the adjusting mechanism does not move at least  
      a second part of the wall section, the second part comprising a  
      non-rotatable front end surface of a bumper.

27. (Currently Amended) An electric vacuum cleaner [[,]]  
comprising:

a vacuum cleaner main body having a dust collecting chamber;  
      a suction inlet unit; and  
5     a connector which detachably connects the vacuum cleaner  
      main body to the suction inlet unit;  
      wherein the suction inlet unit set forth in claim 16  
      comprises:

- 10     a suction inlet main body having a suction chamber with  
a bottom suction inlet,  
       a rotary cleaning body provided rotatably in said  
suction chamber and having a cleaning member,  
       a front suction inlet formed continuously with said  
bottom suction inlet in front of said suction inlet main body,  
15     and  
       an adjusting mechanism for adjusting at least a first  
part of a wall section forming said front suction inlet so as to  
control a forward protrusion, through said front suction inlet,  
of at least a part of said rotary cleaning member,  
20     wherein when said adjusting mechanism is contacted with  
and pushed by an obstruction, an opening area of the front  
suction inlet decreases and said part of said rotary cleaning  
member protrudes forward through said front suction inlet, and  
       wherein the adjusting mechanism does not adjust at  
25     least a second part of the wall section, the second part  
comprising a non-rotatable front end surface of a bumper.

28. (Currently Amended) An electric vacuum cleaner [[,]]  
comprising:

a vacuum cleaner main body having a dust collecting chamber;  
       a suction inlet unit; and



5           a connector which detachably connects the vacuum cleaner  
main body to a suction inlet unit;

wherein the suction inlet unit ~~set forth in claim 25~~  
comprises:

a suction inlet main body including a suction chamber  
10   having a bottom suction inlet and a front suction inlet formed  
continuously with said bottom suction inlet,

a rotary cleaning body provided rotatably in said  
suction chamber and having a cleaning member, and

an adjusting mechanism for adjusting an opening area  
15   size of said front suction inlet,

wherein said adjusting mechanism decreases the opening  
area of said front suction inlet so that at least a part of the  
cleaning member of said rotary cleaning body protrudes ahead of  
said suction inlet main body through said front suction inlet  
20   when a front portion of said suction inlet main body is contacted  
with and pushed by an obstruction, and

wherein, when adjusting the opening area, the adjusting  
mechanism does not adjust at least an end part of a wall section  
forming said front suction inlet, the end part being provided at  
25   the front portion of said suction inlet main body and comprising  
a non-rotatable front end surface of a bumper.